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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Prices on slaughter steers and heifers were steady to 25¢ higher at midwest markets. This was the third straight week of price upturns which have been prompted by moderate marketings. Slaughter cows were steady to 50¢ higher at most points. Feeder cattle and calves were largely steady. Hog receipts were liberal at midwest terminals. Barrows and gilts sold 25-50¢ lower at most centers with sows 25¢-\$1.00 off. The trend on butchers and sows in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area was 10-15¢ lower. Butchers were 25¢ lower in Interior Illinois with sows 25-50¢ off. Slaughter lambs sold weak to \$1.00 lower under the influence of liberal receipts and sharp downturns in the carlot lamb trade.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - Cattle receipts, although increased over last week's holiday shortened period, were still of moderate proportion. Prices for slaughter steers and heifers were steady to 25¢ higher. Cows sold steady to 50¢ higher except steady to 50¢ lower at Kansas City and St. Joseph. Bulls were steady to 50¢ higher and vealers were steady. Advances for past three weeks have pushed steer prices to new highs since last February. Moderate receipts during this three week period have been instrumental in the upturns. Good and Choice steers and heifers predominated in the run at most terminals.

Slaughter steers: Several loads Prime 1200-1400# sold from \$27.75-28.00 at Chicago where Choice and Prime 950-1400# bulked at \$25.25-27.50. Mixed Choice and Prime ranged from \$25.75-27.00 at other midwest terminals with most Choice \$24.25-25.75, Good \$22.75-24.50, Standard \$21.00-23.00.

Slaughter heifers: Mixed Choice and Prime \$24.75-25.50, load \$26.00 at Chicago. Bulk Choice \$23.50-24.50; Good largely \$22.25-23.50.

Slaughter cows: Utility and Commercial \$14.00-16.50, Canner and Cutter \$12.00-14.50.

FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - Marketings of feeder cattle and calves continued to decrease as November drew to a close. The reduction in numbers was accompanied by further deterioration in quality at most terminal markets. Good and Choice grades made up a fairly large percent of over-all supplies but high-Choice and mixed Choice and Fancy shipments were much less in evidence than earlier in the month. Although trading was only moderately active, prices at midwest markets generally were maintained on a steady basis. Upturns in slaughter cattle prices during the past few weeks at some markets stimulated increased demand for fleshy steers and moderate numbers of partly fattened, two-way cattle were purchased for an additional short turn in drylot feeding. However, demand

at the Kansas City market proved an exception as steers over 800# at that center occasionally sold 50¢ lower. At Oklahoma City, Wichita and Fort Worth prices were steady to 50¢ higher in a reaction from a lower trend which developed at Southwest markets the previous week.

Feeder steers: Good and Choice 800-1050# brought \$22.00-24.50, few Choice 800-850# \$24.75-25.00. At St. Joseph mixed Good and Choice 1117# went at \$22.25. Good and Choice 550-750# sold from \$23.00-26.50, several loads Choice 568-575# \$27.00-28.00. At Omaha three loads Choice 706# sold at \$26.25. Medium and mixed Medium and Good 550-700# brought \$19.50-24.00.

Feeder heifers: Good and Choice 525-700# sold from \$21.50-24.75, most sales \$21.50-24.25. Choice 600# were included at \$24.25 while Choice 472# short yearlings reached \$25.75.

Feeder calves: Good and Choice steers bulked at \$25.00-30.00; few loads Choice and mixed Choice and Fancy \$30.50-33.60. Several loads Choice 500-525# brought \$29.00-30.00. Good and Choice heifers brought \$22.00-29.00, few Choice and Fancy \$29.50-30.10.

HOGS - Terminal markets - Hog receipts were sharply increased compared with the Thanksgiving week and were 2 percent larger than the same week a year ago. An increased proportion of the barrows and gilts weighed 240-270# as reflected in the 3% increase in the average weight of butchers at the eight markets. The percentage of sows was little changed ranging from 8-13 percent at the various markets. Although price trends were relatively varied throughout the Corn Belt, declines were recorded at all centers. Barrows and gilts were generally 25-50¢ off, instances \$1.00 lower at Omaha. Sows declined 25¢-\$1.00. These price declines were made in spite of a fairly broad shipper demand.

Barrows and gilts: U. S. 1-3, 190-250# closed at \$15.50-16.00 at Western Corn Belt centers with some No. 1-2, 190-230# \$15.75-16.25. No. 1-3, 180-250# in the eastern part of the area sold largely from \$16.00-16.75, No. 1-2, 190-225# \$16.35-17.25 and reached \$17.50 at Indianapolis.

Sows: No. 1-3, 250-400# sows brought \$13.50-14.75, No. 2-3, 400-600# \$12.50-14.00.

Feeder pigs were steady to 50¢ higher at Sioux City with Good offerings at \$14.50-15.50. At St. Paul prices were weak to 50¢ lower, Good and Choice \$14.50-15.00.

Hogs - Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota receipts at 397,000 head were 9 percent more than the previous week's holiday shortened run and 19 percent larger than the corresponding week last year. Early price declines were recovered at mid-week, but some weakness

developed late. Closing sales were 10-15¢ lower on barrows and gilts; sows mainly 10¢ lower.

On Friday, U. S. No. 1-3 200-240# barrows and gilts brought mostly \$15.25-15.75, limited volume mainly No. 1 \$15.75-16.25. U. S. 1-3 270-400# sows \$13.75-15.15; 400-550# \$12.25-13.75.

Hogs - Interior Illinois - Demand was fairly good. Early price declines on barrows and gilts were recovered around midweek followed by some late declines to leave closing prices mostly 25¢ lower than last Friday. Sows closed 25-50¢ lower.

Barrows and gilts: Most No. 1-3 190-220# \$15.50-16.25, few 200-220# \$16.25-16.50.

Sows: U. S. 1-3 250-400# \$13.00-14.50.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Receipts at the 12 terminals totaled 113,000 head, 48 percent over the holiday shortened period last week but little changed from the same period last year. The sharp increase in marketings combined with lower carlot dressed lamb prices were important factors influencing the weak to \$1.00 lower trend on slaughter lambs. Slaughter lambs weighing 110# and heavier sold under pressure at many points and frequently encountered the most price downturn. Slaughter ewes were unevenly steady to \$1.00 lower. Reduced receipts of feeder lambs were mainly steady.

Slaughter lambs: Bulk Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 80-110# woolled \$16.50-17.75 on early sessions and to \$18.30 at Denver but closed at \$15.70-17.00 at most centers and to \$17.20 at Denver. An increased showing Choice and Prime 110-130# woolled \$14.50-16.50. Most Good and mixed Good and Choice 80-110# \$14.50-16.00. Bulk Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 79-109# shorn No. 1-2 and fall shorn pelts \$15.50-16.50 late; Good and Choice 78-105# shorn \$14.50-16.00.

Slaughter ewes: Cull to Choice woolled and shorn \$3.00-7.00.

Feeder lambs: Choice and Fancy 63-88# \$13.50-16.10, 4 loads Choice and Fancy 82# \$16.25 at Denver. Good and Choice 45-80# mainly \$11.00-15.00 except \$14.50-15.50 at Denver.

Breeding ewes: Good and Choice yearling \$10.00-12.00, two and three-year-old \$7.00-10.00, solid mouth \$6.00-9.00.

Sheep and lamb receipts in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area at 25,100 head were slightly increased over last week but little changed from last year. Slaughter lambs declined 25-50¢. Slaughter ewes were steady. Demand was only fair at best.

Slaughter lambs: Bulk Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 85-105# delivered to packing plants \$15.75-16.25 late in the week, limited volume high-yielding \$16.50-17.00; Good and low-Choice 85-110# \$14.50-15.50. Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 85-105# shorn with No. 1-2 and fall shorn pelts \$15.00-15.50 with high

yielding to \$16.00; Good and low-Choice \$14.00-15.00.

Slaughter ewes: Cull to Choice woolled and shorn largely \$2.00-4.00.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND UTAH -

Slaughter steers and heifers very active, strong to 75¢ higher. Limited trading on feeder classes firm to 50¢ higher. Slaughter lambs strong to 50¢ higher.

Slaughter steers: California, 24 loads Choice 1000-1100# \$25.10-25.30; California and Arizona, 110 loads largely Choice, 900-1150# \$24.75-25.00, some for late December-January delivery; 290 loads Good to mostly Choice, 900-1250# \$23.90-24.50, some Arizona sales for one-two-month delivery; 26 loads Good to mostly Choice 1225-1350# \$23.00-24.00; 150 loads Good and Choice 875-1200# \$23.25-23.85; 90 loads Good, including a few Standard 900-1100#, \$22.15-23.75; 40 loads Standard and Good 875-1100# \$21.90-22.85.

Slaughter heifers: California and Arizona, 65 loads, Good to mostly Choice, 750-950# \$23.75-24.25; 30 loads Good and Choice 700-950# \$23.00-23.50; 4 loads Good with end Choice 800-1050# \$22.25-22.75.

Slaughter calves: California, 6,500 Standard to mostly Good 450-525# \$24.00-25.00 for January-February delivery; 3 loads mostly Good 450-480# \$23.75-24.00.

Feeders: Over the area, 200 Choice and Fancy 300# steer calves \$29.75; 600 Good and Choice 400-550# calves, steers \$25.50-26.25, heifers \$24.00; 320 Choice 475-500# heifer calves \$23.00-23.25; 400 Choice 900# steers \$24.65 for January; 180 Choice yearlings, 700-725# steers \$24.00, 650# heifers \$21.50; 1,300 Good and Choice 600-675# steers \$23.25-24.00.

Slaughter lambs: California, 10 loads Choice and Prime 100-110# with No. 1 to full woolled pelts \$16.25-17.00. Utah, 9,350 Choice and Prime 95-105# woolled \$16.20-16.80.

Wool: California, Imperial Valley, at least 100,000# 1961 lamb wool 45¢ per pound grease basis, f.o.b.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN KANSAS AND WESTERN NEBRASKA - Demand for slaughter cattle was good and trading rather active. Slaughter steers sold fully steady, heifers steady to 25¢ higher.

Slaughter steers: Colorado, 45 loads average and high-Choice 1100-1250# \$25.90-26.00; 160 loads Choice 1025-1350# \$25.00-25.75, mostly \$25.25-25.75; 4 loads high-Good and Choice 1050-1150# \$24.25-25.00. Western

Nebraska, 2 loads mostly Choice 1100# \$25.25.

Slaughter heifers: Colorado, 65 loads average and high-Choice 975-1075#, some loads including a few Prime, \$25.00; 205 loads Choice 810-1000# \$24.00-24.85, mostly \$24.25-24.75; 13 loads high-Good and Choice 925-1000# \$23.75-24.25. Western Nebraska, 9 loads Choice 950-975# \$24.00-24.75; 2 loads mostly Good 950-975# \$22.50-23.00.

Feeders: Limited sales steady to weak. Wyoming, 4 loads Choice 930# steers \$23.00; 350 Good to mostly Choice 375-425# steer calves \$28.50-30.00, 350-375# heifer-mates \$26.00-26.50. Western Kansas, 9 loads Good to mostly Choice 650# heifers \$21.50-21.75, January delivery; 11 loads Good to mostly Choice 750-865# steers \$23.00-23.65. Colorado, 500 Good to mostly Choice 360-475# steer calves \$28.00-30.00, heifer-mates 350-400# \$25.50-26.50.

Sheep and lambs: Slaughter lambs steady to 25¢ higher. Colorado, Choice and Prime 100-110# woolled slaughter lambs \$17.50-18.00; 7 loads Choice and Prime 98-112# shorn lambs, No. 1 and 2 pelts, \$16.50-16.75. Load Choice 75-80# ewe lambs \$16.00.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis Area - Demand broad for slaughter cattle, supplies limited. Slaughter steers 25-50¢ higher, heifers steady to 25¢ higher. Trading on feeders limited, prices steady.

Slaughter steers: 190 Choice, including a few Prime 1300# \$25.50; 1,200 Good and Choice 1075-1200# \$24.00-24.50, 60 head 850-900# \$24.50-25.00; 550 Good, Choice end, 950# through January 15 delivery \$24.00; 80 Standard and Good 1000# \$22.75.

Slaughter heifers: 60 Choice 1025# \$24.00; 350 mostly Good, Choice end, 800-925# \$23.50-24.00; 400 Standard and Good 650-735# \$23.50; 100 Good 547-578# slaughter calves \$24.50.

Feeders: 115 mostly Choice 675# steers \$24.00; 600 Good 600-700# \$22.50-23.00. January-February, 125 Choice 725# steers \$23.40, 200 Choice 600#, steers \$24.00, heifers \$22.00.

Feeder calves: 340 Choice 260-300# steers \$32.00-35.00; 150 Choice 400-440# January delivery, steers \$27.00, heifers \$25.00, 400 head 400# May delivery steers \$27.00, heifers \$24.00.

Stock cows: 100 Good cows, part with calves, \$170.00-200.00 per head or pair.

Lambs: Trading slow, prices steady. Slaughter lambs, 2,300 mostly Choice, few Prime, 100-102# No. 1 to fall shorn \$15.00-15.50. Feeders, 1,400 Choice and Fancy 72# woolled \$14.00; 2,000 Choice 64-80# No. 1 to fall shorn \$12.50.

Amarillo Area - Slaughter cattle slow, steady to 25¢ higher; feeders moderately active, fully steady to strong.

Slaughter cattle: 180 Choice and Prime 1150-1175# steers \$25.70 delivered, 80 Choice 940# heifers \$24.00, 60 mostly Choice 960-975#

\$23.85, 111 Good and Choice 750-889# \$23.00-23.50.

Feeders: 200 Choice 625# steers \$23.75; 600 Good and Choice 650-750# \$22.50-23.00. January delivery, 575 Good and Choice 700-850# steers \$23.00, 900 Good and Choice 650-700# heifers \$22.75-23.00. May delivery, 285 mostly Choice 600-650#, steers \$24.50, heifers \$22.50.

Feeder calves: 60 mostly Choice 353# heifer calves \$27.00.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Slaughter steers fairly active, steady to 50¢ higher, limited sales of heifers steady to strong. Feeder sales limited. Sheep and lambs steady to 50¢ higher.

Slaughter steers: Washington, high-Good and Choice 1000-1250# \$25.00-25.50, load Choice 1075# \$26.00 for January delivery, mixed Good and Choice 1000-1125# \$24.50-25.00. Oregon, mostly Choice 1012-1050# \$25.80-26.25 delivered, Good to mostly Choice 1100# \$24.00. Idaho, high-Good to mostly Choice 1000-1150# \$24.25-25.00, including string at \$25.00 for up to January 30 delivery, Good to mostly Choice 1150-1200# \$24.00-24.50 up to 3 weeks delivery.

Slaughter heifers: Washington, Choice 850-950# \$24.00-24.25 delivery through December, Good 850-925# \$23.25. Oregon and Idaho, high-Good to mostly Choice 750-1000# \$23.00-24.00.

Feeders: Oregon and Idaho, Good and Choice 500# steers \$25.50, heifers \$23.00, Good and Choice 625-800# heifers \$22.00.

Slaughter lambs: Washington, Choice, including Prime woolled 105-108# \$16.50 delivered, Choice 100-105# No. 1 pelts \$14.85-15.00 delivered. Oregon, Choice with some Prime No. 2 to full woolled 100-106# \$15.50-17.25, bulk \$16.00-17.00 delivered. Idaho, Choice and Prime 101-113# woolled \$16.25-17.00.

Feeder lambs: Idaho, Choice and Fancy 80-82# \$15.00.

MONTANA AND NORTHERN WYOMING - All classes slow, but demand broad. Slaughter steers and heifers fully 50¢-\$1.00 higher, feeders fully steady. Limited sales of sheep and lambs steady to strong.

Slaughter steers: 250 high-Good and Choice 1000-1100# \$24.00-24.50, delivery up to 60 days.

Slaughter heifers: 2 loads Choice 925# \$24.00; 200 head high-Good and Choice 900-950# \$23.25-23.50, delivery up to 60 days.

Stock cows and heifers: 100 Good and Choice bred heifers \$215.00 per head; 250 mostly Good cows \$160.00-180.00 per head.

Feeder calves: Montana, 1,250 high-Good and Choice 425-475#, steers \$27.00-28.00, heifers \$25.00-26.00. Wyoming 450 Choice 375-425#, steers \$28.00-30.00, heifers \$25.00-27.50.

Slaughter and shearing lambs: Load Choice 112# slaughter lambs \$15.25, load mostly Choice 96# shearing lambs \$14.60. Breeding ewes: 2 sales totaling 550 Good ewes, \$7.00-11.00 per head.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Dec. 2	Dec. 3	Dec. 2	Dec. 3	Dec. 2	Dec. 3	Dec. 2	Dec. 3
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Chicago	33,324	36,507	413	457	40,854	43,817	7,524	10,870
Cincinnati	4,082	3,791	584	624	10,403	11,888	822	1,515
Denver	8,773	8,358	930	1,057	6,239	5,453	17,884	11,874
Fort Worth	7,687	9,877	1,485	2,138	1,299	2,297	9,837	10,859
Indianapolis ..	6,878	7,175	399	534	30,163	36,995	3,015	4,148
Kansas City ...	20,083	21,077	1,793	2,273	20,940	18,657	5,607	6,638
Oklahoma City .	9,448	8,797	2,491	1,913	3,860	3,889	1,336	2,113
Omaha	37,503	41,262	2,159	2,054	62,556	57,260	14,028	15,013
St. Joseph	15,556	15,431	683	680	35,782	34,086	8,298	10,412
St. Louis NSY .	13,336	15,627	1,704	2,478	56,752	63,798	6,581	7,489
Sioux City	34,521	34,163	6,231	4,912	60,063	50,716	11,313	11,030
S. St. Paul ...	26,326	25,324	11,319	13,356	72,653	65,107	26,717	20,565
Total	217,517	227,389	30,191	32,476	401,564	393,963	112,962	112,526
" Nov. 25, '61	184,124		27,002		278,614		76,323	

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA		Dec. 2, 1961	Nov. 25, 1961	Dec. 3, 1960
Hogs		397,000	363,000	335,000*
Revised. Sheep		25,100	24,700	25,200

FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended			Month		Four months	
	Nov. 30	Nov. 23	Dec. 1	Oct.	Oct.	July-Oct.	
	1961	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Steers - 100# up	506	386	945	2,021	2,294	6,514	8,087
901-1000	1,755	1,360	2,081	9,740	9,073	31,174	30,309
801-900	4,006	3,663	4,241	23,175	22,504	71,002	68,252
701-800	4,355	5,872	4,547	49,428	49,404	114,529	121,416
501-700	8,389	6,884	8,989	87,051	100,013	219,144	260,623
Total steers 10 markets....	19,011	18,165	20,803	171,415	183,288	442,363	488,687
Av. wt. " " "	732#	732#	735#	706#	700#	710#	703#
Av. cost* " " "	\$23.34	\$23.39	\$23.82	\$23.28	\$21.95	\$22.89	\$21.64
" " " Chicago	23.57	23.24	22.00	23.13	22.87	22.73	22.82
" " " Kansas City...	23.02	22.96	23.62	22.97	21.59	22.74	21.32
" " " Omaha	24.18	24.24	24.20	24.57	23.51	24.04	23.03
" " " S. St. Paul...	20.70	20.33	22.05	21.40	21.48	20.98	21.19
" " " Sioux City....	24.52	24.64	24.98	24.06	23.00	23.71	23.02
" " " Denver	23.48	24.46	24.11	23.92	22.75	23.61	22.58
" " " Ft. Worth	21.71	22.95	21.50	22.01	19.55	21.98	19.84
" " " Oklahoma City.	23.11	22.28	22.69	22.14	19.67	21.88	19.78
" " " S. St. Joseph.	22.65	23.25	22.31	22.52	20.22	22.42	20.58
" " " St. Louis NSY.	21.89	22.39	22.46	21.51	20.05	21.78	20.59
Total calves - 10 markets..	18,586	25,657	22,834	154,446	153,828	292,514	344,560
" heifers " "	3,144	2,764	3,275	29,540	32,887	82,285	87,838
" cows " "	2,921	2,921	2,476	9,341	6,458	18,628	14,994

* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

ESTIMATED PERCENT OF FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chi- cago	Kan- sas City	Omaha	S. St. Joseph	St. Louis NSY	Sioux City	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	Den- ver	Ft. Worth	Okla. City	Wich- ita	San Antonio
Feeders													
Dec. 1, 1961	2	46	14	12	10	28	15	12	40	70	72	53	45
Nov. 24, 1961	2	40	15	7	10	37	15	15	40	70	66	50	45
Dec. 2, 1960	2	50	16	12	13	39	7	8	25	70	73	58	55
Slaughter cows													
Dec. 1, 1961	4	10	11	10	15	6	20	14	20	15	12	15	20
Nov. 24, 1961	4	10	9	7	12	6	20	14	20	10	13	15	20
Dec. 2, 1960	5	8	9	9	16	7	17	10	40	15	11	17	12

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	Nov. 30 1961	Dec. 1 1960	Nov. 30 1961	Dec. 1 1960	Nov. 30 1961	Dec. 1 1960	Nov. 30 1961	Dec. 1 1960
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	3,289	3,787	13.6	15.4	1,242	1,248	27.28	28.24
Choice.....	14,959	14,804	61.8	60.2	1,161	1,176	26.14	27.10
Good.....	5,124	4,907	21.2	19.9	1,078	1,111	24.79	25.76
Standard.....	580	682	2.4	2.8	1,041	987	22.96	23.53
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	259	410	1.0	1.7	1,076	1,020	20.73	21.67
All grades.....	24,211	24,590			1,151	1,166	25.92	26.87
OMAHA								
Prime.....	332	342	2.1	1.9	1,185	1,235	25.86	27.30
Choice.....	7,959	9,393	50.7	53.4	1,133	1,153	24.82	25.99
Good.....	6,360	7,172	40.6	40.8	1,087	1,117	23.67	24.18
Standard.....	923	544	5.9	3.1	1,096	1,096	21.35	21.59
Utility.....	115	149	.7	.8	1,055	1,010	20.07	20.20
All grades.....	15,689	17,600			1,113	1,137	24.16	25.12
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	445	160	3.0	1.4	1,230	1,208	25.86	26.89
Choice.....	8,793	7,113	59.6	62.0	1,156	1,156	24.92	25.99
Good.....	4,628	3,747	31.4	32.7	1,092	1,123	24.05	24.59
Standard.....	600	386	4.1	3.4	1,096	1,108	22.49	21.91
Utility.....	278	58	1.9	.5	1,076	1,040	21.05	20.20
All grades.....	14,744	11,464			1,135	1,144	24.56	25.39
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	4	6	.1	.1	1,150	1,180	26.00	27.00
Choice.....	1,465	1,309	24.5	21.5	1,113	1,140	25.13	26.08
Good.....	3,487	3,323	58.4	54.6	1,082	1,130	23.89	24.43
Standard.....	544	1,298	9.1	21.4	1,058	1,094	22.13	21.56
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	473	147	7.9	2.4	1,053	1,036	19.83	19.02
All grades.....	5,973	6,083			1,085	1,122	23.73	24.07
ST. LOUIS NSY								
Prime.....	12	23	.3	.5	1,052	1,119	27.00	27.75
Choice.....	902	939	20.9	18.8	1,054	1,071	25.57	26.26
Good.....	2,382	2,953	55.2	59.0	1,039	1,056	24.21	24.82
Standard.....	912	1,014	21.1	20.3	955	1,024	22.60	22.61
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	108	72	2.5	1.4	974	863	19.97	18.11
All grades.....	4,316	5,001			1,023	1,050	24.09	24.59
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	47	--	.7	--	1,032	--	26.50	--
Choice.....	3,042	2,033	45.6	30.6	1,125	1,142	24.90	26.06
Good.....	3,069	4,109	46.0	61.8	1,083	1,123	23.51	24.17
Standard.....	476	487	7.1	7.3	1,092	1,034	21.86	21.42
Utility.....	39	20	.6	.3	1,078	1,033	19.78	18.75
All grades.....	6,673	6,649			1,102	1,122	24.04	24.56
DENVER								
Prime.....	26	--	1.9	--	1,194	--	26.25	--
Choice.....	1,010	626	69.1	55.0	1,156	1,196	25.29	25.94
Good.....	369	476	25.0	41.8	1,097	1,129	24.14	24.67
Standard.....	39	37	2.8	3.2	1,077	1,153	21.19	19.89
Utility.....	18	--	1.2	--	1,200	--	20.58	--
All grades.....	1,462	1,139			1,140	1,167	24.84	25.23

1/ Data collected by Statistical Reporting Service, and Livestock Division, A. M. S.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Dec. 2	Dec. 3	Dec. 2	Dec. 3	Dec. 2	Dec. 3	Dec. 2	Dec. 3
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Boston, New York City Area	13,156	14,119	10,469	10,322	47,158	50,661	37,303	43,409
Baltimore, Philadelphia	9,739	9,062	1,992	2,148	33,190	30,761	4,801	4,097
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls .	19,411	18,366	1,568	4,913	127,344	126,870	7,549	15,752
Chicago Area	15,764	17,011	10,148	8,795	46,125	41,511	7,371	7,256
St. Paul- Wisc. Areas	31,631	31,245	27,148	28,957	141,496	119,748	26,341	22,909
St. Louis Area	11,657	11,893	1,863	1,728	86,181	76,091	5,808	6,114
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area	33,408	21,866	--	--	138,267	120,349	15,392	13,971
Omaha Area	38,217	35,042	113	199	112,660	91,342	19,671	17,820
Kansas City	14,798	14,994	--	--	46,932	40,150	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota	35,733	33,145	11,837	12,011	370,272	302,610	44,760	38,444
Lou'l, Evan'l.Nash'l. Mph's ...	6,492	6,646	3,204	3,811	54,125	59,416	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area ...	10,724	9,563	4,718	4,632	29,408	33,798	--	--
St. Jo'ph. Wichita, Okla. City.	19,774	19,448	1,074	1,496	61,072	51,269	10,567	9,811
Ft. Worth, Dallas, San Antonio.	9,770	12,214	3,628	4,195	23,447	17,418	24,567	16,814
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City .	23,580	19,692	184	224	16,738	16,123	45,492	28,908
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas ..	28,834	29,265	1,266	1,262	36,337	23,858	36,616	34,724
Portland, Seattle, Spokane	8,773	9,176	256	328	20,196	17,129	9,096	6,538
Total	331,461	312,747	79,468	85,021	1,390,948	1,219,104	295,334	266,567
Accumulation to date	15,111,254	3,043,063	52,157,721	12,932,406				
	14,748,236	3,377,449	52,839,972	11,835,060				

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and mutton		Total meat	Total lard
	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	prod.	prod.
	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
Dec. 2, 1961	405	239.0	120	12.7	1,590	220.2	315	14.8	486.7	--
Nov. 25, 1961	330	193.7	90	9.5	1,300	177.8	245	11.3	392.3	--
Nov. 11, 1961 1/	398	--	108	--	1,426	--	280	--	--	44.7
Dec. 3, 1960 1/	396	235.8	121	13.0	1,470	211.2	305	14.5	474.5	46.6

Percentage change from:

Nov. 25, 1961	23	23	33	34	22	24	29	31	24	--
Dec. 3, 1960	2	1	-1	-2	8	4	3	2	3	--

Week ended	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs		Lard yield per 100 lb.
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	
	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
Dec. 2, 1961	1035	590	190	106	243	138	98	47	--
Nov. 25, 1961	1030	587	190	106	240	137	96	46	--
Nov. 11, 1961	1020	581	190	106	237	135	96	46	--
Dec. 3, 1960	1042	595	193	107	247	144	100	48	12.8

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.
	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	3
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
<u>Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers</u>										
Steers -										
Prime	900-1100#	26.95	28.12	--	--	26.10	27.45	--	--	--
	1100-1300	27.32	28.25	--	--	26.20	27.38	--	--	--
Choice	900-1100	26.12	27.28	25.50	26.15	25.28	26.38	25.30	26.08	25.88
	1100-1300	26.12	27.18	25.12	26.18	25.28	26.25	25.30	25.95	25.50
Good	900-1100	24.50	25.58	24.00	24.22	23.58	24.12	23.68	23.38	24.50
Standard - All wts.		22.45	23.50	21.50	21.00	21.88	21.55	21.62	20.00	21.75
Heifers -										
Choice	700-900#	24.90	25.82	24.38	25.15	24.40	25.02	23.98	25.20	24.12
Good	600-800	--	--	23.00	22.90	22.85	23.28	--	22.85	22.75
Standard - All wts.		21.32	21.65	20.88	20.05	20.62	21.30	20.00	19.40	19.75
Cows - All weights -										
Commercial		15.68	15.38	16.38	16.15	16.05	16.05	--	--	--
Utility		15.02	14.98	15.35	15.12	15.10	14.90	15.70	15.68	15.00
Cutter		14.02	14.25	14.30	14.18	13.88	13.60	14.55	13.88	13.00
Canner		12.50	12.60	12.72	12.20	12.75	12.40	13.40	12.82	11.75
Bulls - All weights -										
Commercial		17.75	18.30	18.00	17.65	17.75	17.65	--	--	--
Utility		19.08	18.75	18.25	17.82	17.62	17.85	18.75	19.00	19.00
Calves - 500# down -										
Choice		--	--	22.00	21.80	--	--	--	--	--
Good		--	--	20.75	19.90	--	--	--	--	22.00
Standard		--	--	18.75	17.20	--	--	--	--	19.50
Vealers - All wts. -										
Choice		--	24.50	24.50	23.35	24.00	22.50	--	--	29.00
Good		--	22.50	22.00	21.15	22.25	20.05	--	--	26.50
Standard		--	18.50	19.00	18.85	19.75	17.10	--	--	22.50
<u>Feeder cattle and calves</u>										
Steers -										
Choice	500-800#	26.50	26.45	25.75	26.18	26.12	26.12	26.50	25.88	--
Good	500-800	24.50	24.15	24.25	24.20	24.50	23.75	23.00	24.00	22.00
Medium	500-1000	22.00	21.45	21.50	21.20	22.00	21.00	20.25	21.25	19.50
Heifers -										
Choice	500-750#	--	--	23.50	22.75	24.00	23.75	24.50	23.10	--
Med. & Gd.	500-750	--	--	20.62	19.75	20.75	20.75	20.50	21.40	--
Cows - All wts. -										
Med. & Gd.		--	--	--	15.50	16.50	15.00	17.75	16.00	--
Calves - 300-500# -										
Steers -										
Good & Choice		--	--	27.75	27.95	29.00	28.50	29.25	29.00	24.50
Heifers -										
Good & Choice		--	--	25.00	23.90	26.25	25.00	27.25	26.25	21.62

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES ^{1/}

		St. Louis	Kansas	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indianapolis	Eight mths. combined	
Week ended		Chicago	Nat'l. Stock Yards							
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Dec. 2, 1961	16.31	16.26	15.72	15.69	15.60	15.71	15.44	16.62	15.86
	Nov.25, 1961	16.32	16.34	15.76	15.61	15.53	15.73	15.51	16.67	15.89
	Dec. 3, 1960	17.72	17.54	17.18	17.26	17.06	17.24	17.18	17.84	17.36
Sows	Dec. 2, 1961	13.45	13.72	13.79	13.65	13.49	13.74	13.38	13.90	13.61
	Nov.25, 1961	13.50	13.93	13.89	13.94	13.69	14.02	13.62	14.04	13.82
	Dec. 3, 1960	14.04	14.27	14.34	14.55	14.16	14.47	14.24	14.12	14.27
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Dec. 2, 1961	231	225	230	235	236	229	232	227	231
	Nov.25, 1961	225	221	229	232	235	226	230	227	228
	Dec. 3, 1960	231	226	237	239	239	235	232	229	233
Sows	Dec. 2, 1961	443	435	417	437	436	404	428	474	436
	Nov.25, 1961	443	431	423	434	424	412	428	455	432
	Dec. 3, 1960	446	406	433	441	430	423	416	455	431
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Dec. 2, 1961	31512	49357	18444	52745	52741	31474	52612	24022	312907
	Nov.25, 1961	24007	37460	14244	36299	36547	21503	30035	16954	217049
	Dec. 3, 1960	34468	54029	16652	47794	43730	29938	48017	29916	304544
Sows	Dec. 2, 1961	3628	4316	1803	6734	5113	2959	6182	3633	34368
	Nov.25, 1961	2521	3088	1129	5197	3716	1950	3513	2437	23551
	Dec. 3, 1960	4357	5290	1416	6715	5124	2541	6239	4707	36389
SOWS -		Percentage of total								
	Dec. 2, 1961	10	8	9	11	9	9	11	13	10
	Nov.25, 1961	10	8	7	13	9	8	10	13	10
	Dec. 3, 1960	11	9	8	12	10	8	11	14	11

^{1/} Weighted average.AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG,
COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

Week ended	Hog products ^{1/}	Hog prices ^{2/}	Gross spread or margin ^{3/}
Dec. 2, 1961	\$18.18	\$16.64	\$1.54
Nov. 25, 1961	18.11	16.66	1.45
Dec. 3, 1960	20.09	18.12	1.97

^{1/} Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

^{2/} Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

^{3/} Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts ^{1/}	Corn ^{2/}	Hog-corn price ratio
	Dollars per 100 pounds	No. 3 yellow Cents per bushel	based on barrows and gilts
Dec. 2, 1961	16.31	110.8	14.7
Nov. 25, 1961	16.32	111.3	14.7
Dec. 3, 1960	17.72	95.5	18.6

^{1/} Weighted average. ^{2/} Simple average.

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

			St.							Eight
Month		Chicago	Nat'l.	Kansas	Omaha	Sioux	S. St.	S. St.	Indian-	mths.
			Stock	City		City	Joseph	Paul	apolis	com-
			Yards							bined
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Nov. 1961	16.35	16.29	15.81	15.84	15.70	15.88	15.54	16.58	15.97
	Oct. 1961	17.18	17.04	16.60	16.74	16.66	16.69	16.53	17.31	16.85
	Nov. 1960	17.65	17.62	17.13	17.23	17.14	17.17	17.10	17.83	17.36
Sows	Nov. 1961	13.56	13.98	13.99	13.92	13.84	14.11	13.62	14.04	13.86
	Oct. 1961	14.95	15.04	15.22	15.28	15.33	15.39	14.97	15.07	15.14
	Nov. 1960	14.33	14.64	14.47	14.67	14.33	14.79	14.50	14.48	14.53
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Nov. 1961	226	223	230	231	233	227	229	226	228
	Oct. 1961	221	220	229	226	227	225	224	222	224
	Nov. 1960	229	223	233	236	236	231	230	228	231
Sows	Nov. 1961	436	424	416	434	427	403	420	459	428
	Oct. 1961	417	411	411	411	408	392	397	434	410
	Nov. 1960	441	397	424	432	430	405	410	457	424
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Nov. 1961	132801	206656	75621	189115	184553	116926	181018	103033	1189723
	Oct. 1961	128994	212698	76064	172036	151221	106685	175760	119326	1142784
	Nov. 1960	127308	205923	64468	158211	140969	104697	183929	107154	1092659
Sows	Nov. 1961	11691	15553	6244	22798	17803	9800	22526	13147	119562
	Oct. 1961	14685	15906	6084	24621	16580	10176	25032	15218	128302
	Nov. 1960	14257	19594	5328	21552	14751	9778	24364	16147	125771
SOWS -		Percentage of total								
	Nov. 1961	8	7	8	11	9	8	11	11	9
	Oct. 1961	10	7	7	13	10	9	12	11	10
	Nov. 1960	10	9	8	12	9	9	12	13	10

1/ Weighted average.AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG,
COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

Month	Hog products <u>1/</u>	Hog prices <u>2/</u>	Gross spread or margin <u>3/</u>
Nov. 1961	\$18.13	\$16.55	\$1.58
Oct. 1961	18.81	17.40	1.41
Nov. 1960	19.90	17.97	1.93

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1,2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Month	Barrows and gilts <u>1/</u> Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn No.3 yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Nov. 1961	16.35	<u>2/</u> 110.1	14.9
Oct. 1961	17.18	<u>1/</u> 109.4	15.7
Nov. 1960	17.65	<u>1/</u> 96.0	18.4

1/ Weighted average. 2/ Simple average.

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEW

EASTERN SEABOARD - Prices at most markets followed a rather even pattern. The trend was strong to mostly \$1.00 higher for steer beef, while cow beef was little changed. Veal sold strong to \$1.00 higher, the upturn recorded at New York. Calf carcasses were up \$1.00. Lamb closed mainly steady to \$1.00 higher. Pork loins were steady to \$2.00 lower, however, at Philadelphia prices were \$1.00 higher. Fresh skinned hams strong to \$2.00 higher; Boston butts steady to \$1.00 off; spareribs steady to 50¢ lower.

Choice and Prime kosher dressed steer fore-quarters sold \$1.00-1.50 higher; veal, calf and lamb steady to strong.

Supplies were generally near normal. Trading was fairly active for steer beef under moderately broad demand. Chain store buyers at New York were particularly aggressive for steer cuts. Outlet was moderate for cow beef, veal and calf. Trading for lamb carcasses and cuts was active and clearance good. Pork loins met poor demand at New York but found fairly good outlet at other points. Other pork cuts sold fairly active. Demand was very good for fresh skinned hams at all centers.

CHICAGO - Steer and heifer beef was steady, veal and lamb mostly \$1.00 higher, pork loins 8-16# \$1.00-2.00 lower, Boston butts 4-8# steady, spareribs 3# down 50¢ higher.

Moderate beef, lamb and fresh pork offerings at the outset increased to normal, while on the other hand the volume of veal decreased from moderate to small as the week progressed.

Carcass beef was rather slow through the period, best demand was for ribs and rounds, particularly ribs 30# down. Arm and squarecut chucks and loins were generally slow. Veal trade was rather slow but reduced supplies influenced higher prices. Carcass lamb trade ruled moderately active. Demand was fair for Boston butts and spareribs but very poor for pork loins. Good clearance was effected in the veal and lamb division, but clearance was only fair on other fresh meats.

PACIFIC COAST - Steer and heifer carcass beef prices were steady to 50¢ higher in the Pacific Northwest and 50¢-\$1.50 higher in Cali-

fornia with the greatest advance in San Francisco. Cow beef was fully steady in Portland and Seattle, 50¢-\$1.00 higher in California except in Los Angeles where Utility advanced \$1.00-2.00. Veal and calf price levels advanced \$1.00-2.00. Lamb held mostly steady in California, steady to 75¢ lower in the Portland-Seattle area, the decline mainly in Portland. Fresh pork loins were weak to \$2.00 lower, greatest decline in San Francisco; fresh hams \$1.00-2.00 higher, other fresh items about steady. In cured pork, hams were \$1.00-2.00 higher and sliced bacon \$1.00-2.00 lower, other smoked pork steady.

Carcass beef trading was generally active with supply short of trade requirements in instances. Cow beef supply was about normal and trading was moderately active. Demand was poor for a fully normal lamb supply.

Fresh pork trade was relatively slow. Supplies were fully normal. Cured pork was plentiful and trading moderately active, the approaching holiday season lending strength to fresh and cured hams.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEW

CHICAGO, DENVER, OMAHA, NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA - Normal supplies of steer and heifer beef met some price resistance early following the previous week's sharp advance. Demand broadened later and prices held firm, some showing a slight upturn. Cow beef found a ready outlet and prices advanced sharply.

The week's trend on steer and heifer beef was steady to 50¢ higher, heifer mostly steady to 25¢ higher. Cow beef was 50¢-\$1.25 higher, greatest advance on Canner and Cutter.

Liberal supplies of lamb met a narrow demand and prices declined 50¢-\$1.00, with a few sales at Philadelphia \$2.00 lower.

Pork supplies were normal but were considerably larger than the holiday curtailed volume of the previous week. Pork loins sold steady to \$2.50 lower, mostly \$1.50-2.00 lower. Pork butts were uneven, selling 25-50¢ higher at Chicago, but 50¢-\$1.00 lower at Omaha. Fresh hams were \$1.50-3.50 higher. Pork carcasses were 25¢-\$1.00 higher at New York and Philadelphia.

Clearance was generally complete on all classes.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		Dec. 2	Dec. 3	Dec. 2	Dec. 3	Dec. 2	Dec. 3	Dec. 2	Dec. 3
		1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Steer beef -									
Prime	700-800#	44.50	44.75	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	44.00	45.75	42.25	44.00	40.88	39.88	40.06	39.50
	700-800	43.50	44.75	41.50	42.62	39.62	38.50	38.40	38.38
Good	500-600	42.50	42.25	41.00	41.62	39.62	39.12	39.25	38.81
	600-700	43.00	43.00	41.00	41.62	38.62	37.38	38.50	37.81
Heifer beef -									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	40.75	42.44	39.75	39.50	39.88	39.44
	600-700	--	--	40.75	42.44	39.25	38.00	39.06	38.50
Good	500-600	--	--	39.50	40.38	38.00	--	--	38.00
Veal -									
Prime	90-120#	59.00	55.00	53.12	52.88	--	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	50.50	49.00	48.25	48.75	--	--	--	--
Good	90-120	44.50	40.50	43.75	41.75	52.25	49.50	--	--
Lamb -									
Prime	45-55#	41.00	41.60	39.50	40.50	37.50	39.50	38.75	39.25
Choice	45-55	41.00	41.60	39.50	40.50	37.50	39.50	38.75	39.25
Fresh pork -									
Loins	8-12#	45.60	49.90	41.19	46.38	47.75	53.50	45.75	49.25
Butts	4-8	34.50	38.60	31.75	35.50	39.22	43.00	36.62	41.88
Spareribs	3# down	38.50	42.00	34.00	37.50	40.75	44.50	35.62	40.00
Cured pork -									
Hams, smk. skd. -(Cook before eating)	12-16#	48.50	49.00	--	54.50	52.00	52.00	46.88	51.50
Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots)		51.00	48.50	50.00	54.50	51.00	55.12	49.75	52.62
Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating)	4-8#	32.50	33.00	35.00	33.75	34.00	32.50	33.62	33.00
Lard, 1# carton		14.75	16.50	14.62	15.75	17.50	17.00	16.94	16.00

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 1, 1961

Classification		Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
		Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer beef -						
Choice	600-700#	40.00-40.50	39.00-39.50	39.25-39.75	42.00-42.50	42.00-42.50
	700-800	40.00-40.50	39.00-39.50	39.25-39.75	41.50-42.50	41.50-42.00
	800-900	39.50	38.50-39.00	38.75	41.00-41.50	40.50-41.00
Good	500-600	38.50-39.50	--	--	39.50-41.50	--
	600-700	38.50-39.50	38.50	38.25-38.75	39.50-41.50	40.50-41.50
	700-800	38.00-39.00	38.50	37.50-38.25	39.50-41.50	40.50-41.00
Heifer beef -						
Choice	500-600#	39.25	37.50-39.00	38.25-38.50	--	41.00-41.50
	600-700	39.25	37.50-38.00	38.25-38.50	--	41.00-41.50
Good	500-600	37.50-38.00	--	36.75-37.25	--	--
	600-700	37.50-38.00	--	36.75-37.25	--	--
Cow beef - All weights -						
Utility		28.50-29.00	28.25-29.00	28.00-28.25	--	29.50-30.50
Canner and Cutter		29.00-29.25	--	28.25-28.50	--	29.50
Lamb -						
Prime	35-45#	36.00-36.50	--	--	37.00-38.50	37.00-38.00
	45-55	36.00-36.50	--	--	37.00-38.50	37.00-37.75
	55-65	36.00-36.50	--	--	37.00-38.00	36.00-37.00
Choice	35-45	36.00-36.50	34.00-36.00	34.75-35.25	37.00-38.50	37.00-38.00
	45-55	36.00-36.50	34.00-36.00	34.75-35.25	37.00-38.50	37.00-37.75
	55-65	36.00-36.50	34.00-35.50	--	37.00-38.00	36.00-37.00
Fresh pork -						
Loins	8-12#	39.00-39.50	--	38.00-39.00	--	40.00-43.00

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Trading on greasy domestic combing wools in the Boston market was very slow, but prices were about steady. An increased volume of woolen wools sold, especially foreign woolen wools for import. Noils continued dull at unchanged prices. A sealed bid sale was held at Casper, Wyoming on November 29 where approximately 540,000 pounds of original bag wools were offered. Prices were strong and practically a total clearance was noted.

Midweek cables from Australia showed buyers from Russia and the Continent dominating with America buying moderately and Japan in limited volume. Good clearances were reported in all auctions. In South Africa, France and the United States were the principal operators in a firm market. Good general competition prevailed in New Zealand at firm prices. In South America carpet wools sold in limited volume for American account while Japan and England were operating in Montevideo with limited support from American buyers at quotations held firm in both centers.

The United States Department of Commerce announced that the annual production of woolen and worsted fabrics decreased in 1960 to 286 million linear yards from the 1959 output of 311 million linear yards. Production was 6 percent above the 1958 level and 1 percent above the 1954 level, but 3 percent below the output in 1957. During 1960, looms in place at mills primarily producing woolen and worsted fabrics decreased by 5 percent to 12,875 looms.

Fleece Wools - Little was done in the fleece wool States but occasional spot lots of medium fleece lambs wools sold in a range of 80-83¢ clean basis.

Territory Wools - Trading on territory wools was very limited in the local market. Early reports from the sale at Casper, Wyoming showed bulk fine wools in original bags brought mostly around \$1.18-1.20, bulk half-blood wools around \$1.13-1.15 and three-eighths around \$1.06-1.08 clean basis, delivered.

Texas Wools - Small lots of fall ewes wool sold in Texas in a range of 44-47¢. Clean basis prices were estimated around \$1.00-1.01 delivered East while fall lambs wool at 48½-50¢ grease basis, f.o.b. was estimated in a range of \$1.00-1.05 delivered.

Mohair - Occasional lots of straight adult mohair were sold in Texas at 80¢ to the warehouse.

Foreign Wools - Greasy super skirted Montevideo 60/64s were sold for shipment at 98¢ while greasy Buenos Aires 36/40s fleeces were priced for shipment at 74-75¢ and November wools at 71½-72½¢ clean fibers present for combing purposes. Cabled reports at week's end follow with combing wools converted to clean U. S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields, in bond.

Australia	New Zealand
Oil-combed	Oil-combed
77B - \$1.11	79 - \$.92
78B - 1.07	86 - .89
78AB- 1.05	93 - .87
79B - 1.04	834 - .85
80B - 1.00	100 - .84
422 - 1.05	107 - .83
423 - 1.03	114 - .82
424 - .99	128 - .82
425 - .97	

South Africa	
Oil-combed	Scoured yields
7 - \$1.06	17 - \$1.01
8 - 1.05	22 - 1.00
12 - 1.04	27 - .98
47 - 1.05	28 - .97
48 - 1.04	32 - .93
52 - 1.01	33 - .92
53 - .99	

Montevideo Super Skirted Wools - 64s - \$1.01, 60/64s - 99¢, 60s - 96¢, 60/58s - 93¢, 58/56s - 91¢, 56/50s - 89¢, 50s - 88¢.

Carpet Wools - Turnover of carpet wools was slow with only occasional spot lots moved. A scoured B. A. March wool brought 69¢ while scoured November wool sold at 70-71¼¢. Quotations from Buenos Aires priced greasy November second clip carpet wools at 73¢, fleeces around 75¢ and 36/40s lambs at 71-72¢, while New Zealand carpet fleeces were offered at 76-77¢, early shorn wool at 73-74¢ and crutchings at 67¢, all clean fibers present for shipment. Average style white India wools were offered at 79¢, yellow wools at 57¢ and pale yellow Pakistan wools at 66½¢ for shipment. Approximately 2,340 bales of Pakistan/India carpet wools will be offered at Liverpool on December 6.

Woolen Wools - Sales follow:

Scoured Pulled Foreign	Scoured Shorn Domestic
Aust. 60s ave. 3" super lambs \$1.18	Fall Tex. ewes \$1.00-1.01
N.Z. 56/58s 2-3" Ch. wh. \$1.15	Scoured Shorn Foreign Aust. 62/64s 1½-2½" good to Ch. wh. \$1.26
N. Z. 56s 2-3" ave. style \$1.10	
Greasy Pulled foreign (Clean basis, duty paid) - N. Z. 56/58s 2-3" ch. \$1.10, for shipment.	

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - Nov. 30, 1961 (Furnished by the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange)

December wool tops	- \$1.620 (Bid)
March wool tops	- 1.600 (Bid)
64s grade - 2.55" minimum length	
December wool	- \$1.216 (Traded)
March wool	- 1.200 (Bid)
64s grade - 2½" ave. stretched length	

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR LIVESTOCK, FEED AND WOOL ^{1/}

Commodity and unit						
		Nov.	Oct.	Sept.	Nov.	Average
		15	15	15	15	Jan. 1947-
		1961	1961	1961	1960	Dec. 1949
Prices received by farmers -						
Hogs	Per cwt. Dol.	15.70	16.40	17.50	16.60	21.90
All beef cattle	" " "	19.90	20.10	20.20	19.20	20.20
Cows	" " "	13.90	14.00	14.20	13.10	--
Steers and heifers	" " "	22.70	22.30	22.30	22.10	--
Calves	" " "	23.70	23.60	23.40	21.70	22.60
Sheep	" " "	5.14	4.92	4.79	5.09	9.15
Lambs	" " "	15.10	15.50	15.60	16.00	21.90
Wool ^{2/}	Per lb. "	.405	.406	.410	.384	.460
Corn	Per bu. "	.938	1.02	1.04	.866	1.64
Oats	" " "	.643	.637	.640	.588	.852
Barley	" " "	1.00	.986	.968	.793	1.37
Hay, all baled	" ton "	20.50	20.20	19.70	20.60	22.40
Cottonseed	" " "	52.40	51.50	47.50	44.40	71.60
						Nov. av.
Hog-corn price ratio ^{3/} -						1950-59
United States	Bushel	16.7	16.1	16.8	19.2	13.6
N. Central States	"	17.3	16.4	17.3	20.4	13.8
Iowa	"	17.8	16.9	17.8	21.9*	--

Index numbers: (Av. Jan. 1910-Dec. 1914 = 100)						1947-49
All farm products		238	240	242	241	271
Feed grains and hay		149	154	156	136	230
Meat animals		291	297	303	288	334

Prices paid by farmers -					
Commodities & services, interest,					
taxes and wage rates	301	301	301	297	.250

^{1/} Estimates of Crop Reporting Board.

^{2/} Average local market price, excluding incentive payment. Monthly average.

^{3/} Bushels of corn equal in value to 100 lbs. of hog, live weight. *Revised.

EFFECTIVE PARITY PRICES FOR LIVESTOCK, FEED AND WOOL ^{1/}

Commodity and unit			Adjusted base prices 2/	Effective parity prices 3/ based on data for		
				Nov. 1961	Oct. 1961	Nov. 1960
Hogs	Per cwt.	Dol.	7.08	21.30	21.30	21.20
Beef cattle	" "	"	7.87	23.70	23.70	23.50
Calves	" "	"	8.70	26.20	26.20	26.00
Lambs	" "	"	8.38	25.20	25.20	25.40
Wool	Per lb.	"	4/ .249	.749	.749	.737
Corn	" bu.	" ....	.538	1.62	1.62	1.62
Oats	" "	" ....	.279	.840	.840	.835
Barley	" "	" ....	.415	1.25	1.25	1.26
Cottonseed	" ton	"	4/ 20.80	62.60	62.60	66.50

^{1/} Parity prices are computed under the provisions of Title III, Subtitle A, Section 301 (a) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 as amended by the Agricultural Acts of 1948, 1949, 1954, and 1956.

^{2/} Adjusted base price 1910-14 derived from 120 month, January 1951-December 1960 average (including an allowance where appropriate for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations) by dividing by 253 percent (the 120-month average of the Index of Prices Received by Farmers adjusted to include an allowance for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments) unless otherwise noted.

^{3/} Effective parity prices as computed currently using base prices in effect and indexes for months indicated. These parity prices are the legally applicable parity prices for the following calendar month.

^{4/} Adjusted base price 1910-14 derived from 10 season average prices 1951-60 (including an allowance, where appropriate, for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations).

CLASSIFICATION OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION ^{1/}

	Number (000 omitted)				Percent			
	Oct.	Sept.	Jan.	Oct.	Oct.	Sept.	Jan.	Oct.
	1961	1961	Oct. 1961	1960	1961	1961	Oct. 1961	1960
Cattle:								
Steers	952	944	9,425	882	52.4	55.1	56.5	50.5
Heifers	423	416	3,762	395	23.3	24.3	22.5	22.6
Cows	422	331	3,288	445	23.2	19.3	19.7	25.5
Bulls and Stags	20	22	220	24	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.4
Total 2/.....	1,817	1,713	16,695	1,746	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Canners and Cutters 3/...	214	152	1,590	246	11.8	8.9	9.5	14.1
Hogs:								
Sows	448	472	4,629	389	7.2	9.0	8.7	7.2
Barrows and Gilts	5,750	4,727	48,657	4,996	92.4	90.2	90.8	92.4
Stags and Boars	25	42	281	22	.4	.8	.5	.4
Total 2/.....	6,223	5,241	53,567	5,407	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep and Lambs:								
Lambs and Yearlings	1,275	1,200	12,000	1,249	90.3	93.3	94.5	92.3
Sheep	137	86	699	104	9.7	6.7	5.5	7.7
Total 2/.....	1,412	1,286	12,699	1,353	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

^{1/} Based on reports from packers. ^{2/} Totals based on rounded numbers.^{3/} Included in cattle classification.CLASSIFICATION OF BARROW AND GILT SLAUGHTER
AS REPORTED BY COOPERATING PACKERS

Month	Hogs	Barrows and Gilts reported separately			
	slaughtered under	Firms	Head	Barrows	Gilts
	Federal inspection	reporting			
1961	Number	Number	Number	Percent	Percent
Jan.	5,744,000	28	1,234,000	53.20	46.80
Feb.	5,078,000	28	1,419,000	52.39	47.61
Mar.	6,110,000	28	1,154,000	52.90	47.10
Apr.	5,049,000	27	1,095,000	51.78	48.22
May	5,597,000	23	1,041,000	50.08	49.92
June	5,093,000	25	866,000	49.56	50.44
July	4,320,000	26	786,000	49.21	50.79
Aug.	5,114,000	27	1,022,000	51.74	48.26
Sept.	5,240,000	23	894,000	53.11	46.89
Oct.	6,223,000	25	1,130,000	54.99	45.01

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION, BY CLASSES, OF CATTLE SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Region	Steers	Heifers	Cows	Bulls and	Canners and
	Stags	all classes			
	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.
	1961 : 1960	1961 : 1960	1961 : 1960	1961 : 1960	1961 : 1960
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
N. Atlantic States	66.4	71.6	1.5	1.3	31.1
S. Atlantic States	40.5	35.9	6.1	7.2	50.3
N. C. States-Eastern	53.1	50.7	14.2	16.8	30.9
N. C. States-N. Western	54.0	50.8	30.7	29.8	14.6
N. C. States-S. Western	60.5	53.5	21.0	19.0	17.7
S. Central States	32.4	32.3	14.2	10.4	51.2
Mountain States	35.1	35.6	48.1	42.4	16.1
Pacific States	64.8	64.2	14.5	15.6	19.2

UNITED STATES FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

	October		January - October		Percentage	
	1961	1960	1961	1960	Oct. 1961 of Oct. 1960	5-yr. Oct. av.
Number slaughtered under Federal inspection: (thousands of head)						
Cattle	1,817	1,746	16,696	16,194	104	104
Calves	511	516	4,120	4,307	99	81
Hogs	6,223	5,407	53,568	54,693	115	102
Sheep & lambs	1,412	1,353	12,699	11,730	104	111
Average live weight: (pounds)						
Cattle	1,032.8	1,021.7	1,042.7	1,030.5	101	103
Calves	199.9	209.8	212.1	213.8	95	93
Hogs	234.8	236.1	240.0	237.9	99	101
Sheep & lambs	95.8	95.7	98.2	98.7	100	100
Average cost to packers: (dollars per 100 pounds)						
Cattle	20.96	20.21	21.38	22.18	104	105
Calves	21.81	19.41	23.23	22.64	112	117
Hogs	16.79	16.98	17.09	15.48	99	104
Sheep & lambs	15.27	15.96	15.91	18.32	96	84
Dressings yields: (per 100 pounds live weight)						
Cattle	57.7	57.0	58.0	57.5	--	--
Calves	56.2	55.6	56.3	56.7	--	--
Hogs 1/.....	76.3	76.4	76.6	76.5	--	--
Sheep & lambs	47.8	48.3	48.8	48.3	--	--
Lard per 100#	13.1	13.1	13.5	13.6	--	--
Lard per animal	30.8	31.0	32.5	32.3	--	--
Average dressed weight: (pounds)						
Cattle	595.9	582.4	605.1	592.4	--	--
Steers 2/.....	660.0	657.8	--	--	--	--
Heifers 2/.....	555.6	547.0	--	--	--	--
Cows 2/.....	486.3	480.6	--	--	--	--
Calves	112.3	116.6	119.5	121.2	--	--
Hogs	179.2	180.4	183.8	182.1	--	--
Sheep & lambs	45.8	46.2	47.9	47.7	--	--
Condemnations: 3/ (number of head)						
Cattle	6,585	4,383	50,089	45,817	--	--
Calves	1,770	1,335	14,581	15,644	--	--
Hogs	8,164	6,991	96,805	92,082	--	--
Sheep & lambs	9,413	9,498	70,923	70,372	--	--
Total dressed weight - Excluding condemned: (thousands of pounds)						
Beef	1,078,869	1,014,115	10,072,732	9,565,402	106	110
Veal	57,219	60,028	490,801	520,109	95	76
Pork (carcass wt.)	1,113,683	974,171	9,830,304	9,941,613	114	104
Lamb & mutton	64,224	62,057	605,003	556,582	103	111
Total 4/.....	2,313,995	2,110,372	20,998,841	20,583,706	110	106
Pork, excl. lard	850,727	744,573	7,451,818	7,524,412	114	105
Lard production 5/.....	191,677	167,381	1,736,655	1,763,820	115	100
Rendered pork fat	7,289	6,944	71,687	71,364	105	89

1/ Subtract 7.0 to obtain reported packer style average. 2/ Also included with cattle.

3/ Partly estimated. 4/ Totals based on unrounded numbers. 5/ Includes rendered pork fat.

ACTUAL FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND REVISED ESTIMATE OF MEAT PRODUCTION, BY WEEKS, OCT. 1961

		Cattle				Calves				Hogs				Sheep and lambs				Lard			
Week ended	Num-ber	Av. dr.	Prod. wt.	1000 lb.	Num-ber	Av. dr.	Prod. wt.	1000 lb.	Num-ber	Av. dr. 1/	Prod. wt. 1/	1000 lb.	Num-ber	Av. dr.	Prod. wt.	1000 lb.	Total meat prod.	Yield per 100#	Prod. lb.	Prod. mil. lb.	
1961	1000	lb.	mil. lb.	1000	lb.	mil. lb.	1000	lb.	mil. lb.	1000	lb.	mil. lb.	1000	lb.	mil. lb.	1000	lb.	mil. lb.	lb.	mil. lb.	
Oct. 7	405	594	240.4	115	114	13.1	1,361	137	186.0	330	45	14.9	454.4	14.2	45.4						
14	418	594	248.1	113	114	12.9	1,441	137	197.0	339	45	15.4	473.4	12.7	43.2						
21	418	592	247.3	117	111	13.0	1,422	137	194.4	315	45	14.3	469.0	12.9	43.2						
28	413	597	246.5	120	108	13.0	1,408	137	192.5	305	46	14.1	466.1	12.9	42.7						

1/ Excludes lard.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, UNITED STATES, OCTOBER 1961 1/

Month and period	Cattle				Calves			
	Federally	Other	Total	Av. live weight	Federally	Other	Total	Av. live Weight
	inspected	com- mercial			inspected	com- mercial		
	Thousand head	Thousand head	Pounds	Pounds	Thousand head	Thousand head	Pounds	Pounds
October 1961	1,817.1	504.7	2,321.8	1,007	511.3	240.8	752.1	216
October 1960	1,745.7	501.5	2,247.2	995	516.2	279.2	795.4	221
Jan.-Oct. 1961 2/..	16,695.5	4,753.1	21,448.6	1,016	4,120.4	2,258.9	6,379.3	225
Jan.-Oct. 1960 2/..	16,193.6	4,902.5	21,096.1	1,003	4,306.7	2,448.2	6,754.9	225
Hogs				Sheep and lambs				
October 1961	6,222.9	1,048.1	7,271.0	233	1,411.7	197.6	1,609.3	96
October 1960	5,407.1	1,053.4	6,460.5	234	1,352.7	174.2	1,526.9	96
Jan.-Oct. 1961 2/..	53,567.7	9,611.4	63,179.1	238	12,699.2	1,781.9	14,481.1	98
Jan.-Oct. 1960 2/..	54,693.4	10,750.8	65,444.2	235	11,729.8	1,560.8	13,290.6	98

1/ Excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Accumulated totals based on unrounded head and live weight.

COMMERCIAL MEAT AND LARD PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES, OCTOBER 1961 1/

Month and period	Beef	Veal	Pork 2/	Lamb and mutton	Total meat 2/	Lard 3/
	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.
October 1961	1,335	91	993	73	2,492	215
October 1960	1,263	97	885	70	2,315	192
Jan.-Oct. 1961 ..	12,513	806	8,740	688	22,747	1,957
Jan.-Oct. 1960 ..	12,035	854	8,950	629	22,468	2,007

1/ Excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard and rendered pork fat.

3/ Includes rendered pork fat.

Statistical Reporting Service - Crop Reporting Board.

MEATS AND MEAT PRODUCTS GRADED, OR ACCEPTED AS COMPLYING WITH SPECIFICATIONS--BY THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 1/

Grade	Beef		Veal and calf		Lamb and mutton	
	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
	Thous. pounds		Thous. pounds		Thous. pounds	
Prime	27,499	20,933	66	71	3,010	3,552
Choice	439,152	424,730	2,243	2,816	26,153	24,097
Good	130,628	140,541	12,030	12,275	1,070	622
Standard	17,610	15,699	1,743	2,908	--	--
Commercial	3,816	4,768	--	--	--	--
Utility	26,467	26,377	107	260	2,243	32
Cutter	7,123	1,058	--	--	--	--
Canner	219	119	--	--	--	--
Cull	--	--	3	3	--	1
Total	652,513	634,226	16,193	18,332	32,477	28,303
Bull and stag beef ..	647	700				
All other meats and lard.....	32,194	14,356				

1/ Data pertain only to meats offered to the U. S. Department of Agriculture for grading or acceptance.

MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS INSPECTED WHEN OFFERED FOR IMPORTATION
(USDA - ARS - Meat Inspection Division)

October, 1961

Country of origin	Fresh meats and edible offal			Cured meats	
	Beef and Veal	Lamb and Mutton	Pork	Beef	Pork
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Argentina	--	--	--	55,902	--
Australia	33,712,659	2,232,241	--	--	--
Brazil	--	--	--	82,677	--
Canada	4,684,102	98,789	3,468,331	2,859	570,342
Denmark	--	--	--	--	--
Germany	--	--	--	--	3,133
Holland	--	--	--	--	7,303
Ireland	8,319,949	10,100	19,885	--	26,249
Mexico	4,922,072	--	--	--	--
New Zealand	13,002,087	139,041	--	--	--
Paraguay	--	--	--	--	--
Poland	--	--	--	--	--
Uruguay	--	--	--	--	--
All others	2,080,861	--	--	7,400	8,744
Total - Oct. 1961	66,721,730	2,490,171	3,488,216	148,838	615,771
Oct. 1960	28,506,673	1,469,362	2,367,175	168,556	577,595

Refused or condemned:

Oct. 1961	193,136	318	30,187	10,000	301
Oct. 1960	83,686	977	--	1,200	3,553

Country of origin	Canned meats			Cooked beef	Sausage (Trichina treated)	General miscel- laneous	Total
	Beef	Pork	Miscel- laneous				
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Argentina	3,775,011	--	18,173	89,500	--	188,450	4,127,036
Australia	63,000	--	--	--	--	2,240	36,010,140
Brazil	1,575,575	--	--	11,000	--	34,720	1,703,972
Canada	2,340	173,075	7,977	--	6,490	316,613	9,330,918
Denmark	--	3,896,772	796,080	--	464,589	--	5,157,441
Germany	--	94,232	--	--	26,463	--	123,828
Holland	--	3,338,600	15,114	--	6,863	--	3,367,880
Ireland	--	--	--	--	--	--	8,376,183
Mexico	--	--	--	--	--	--	4,922,072
New Zealand	108	--	--	--	--	--	13,141,236
Paraguay	1,528,263	--	--	--	--	--	1,528,263
Poland	--	2,789,609	362,618	--	--	--	3,152,227
Uruguay	1,714,551	--	--	--	--	11,200	1,725,751
All others	--	363,474	83,986	--	53,695	23,070	2,621,230
Total - Oct. 1961	8,658,848	10,655,762	1,283,948	100,500	558,100	576,293	95,288,177
Oct. 1960	6,311,368	9,170,644	621,132	172,785	289,506	372,845	50,027,641

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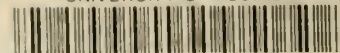
Oct. 1961	124,041	23,232	74,490	--	40	10,209	465,954
Oct. 1960	4,579	58,357	98,480	--	3,744	842	254,418

Note: In addition to the above, imports of horse meat (in pounds) for October 1961 were as follows: Canada 8,386, Mexico 124,800; October 1960 - Canada 8,107.

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SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Port- land
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Wooled) - 110# down								
Prime	Dec. 2, 1961	16.98	16.90	16.85	--	17.49	16.75	15.75
	Dec. 3, 1960	18.00	--	17.35	--	--	16.75	--
Choice	Dec. 2, 1961	16.42	15.95	16.25	15.75	16.58	16.12	15.50
	Dec. 3, 1960	17.38	17.52	16.68	16.75	17.50	16.00	16.50
Good	Dec. 2, 1961	15.02	14.82	15.50	15.00	15.39	15.12	14.50
	Dec. 3, 1960	15.82	16.22	15.72	16.15	16.12	15.25	15.50
EWES: (Wooled) - All wts.								
Good and	Dec. 2, 1961	5.10	4.72	4.50	6.25	6.46*	5.50*	4.50
Choice	Dec. 3, 1960	5.50	4.38	4.75	--	5.88*	5.38	4.88
Cull and	Dec. 2, 1961	5.00	4.60	4.00	5.50*	5.52*	4.25*	4.00
Utility	Dec. 3, 1960	5.00	4.50	3.88	5.70*	4.75*	4.00	3.75
FEEDER LAMBS - All wts.								
Good and	Dec. 2, 1961	--	13.75	--	11.75	15.42	13.75	12.75
Choice	Dec. 3, 1960	--	15.75	--	15.00	16.95	15.00	14.62

*Shorn basis.

Number of Cattle and Calves from Canada and Mexico Passed for
Entry into the United States
October 1961, with comparisons

USDA - ARS - Animal Inspection and Quarantine Division		Canada		Mexico	
Month and period		1961	1960	1961	1960
		Head	Head	Head	Head

October 122,866 27,214 43,396 7,441
Jan.-Oct. 368,622 199,242 357,177 253,560

Note: During Jan.-Oct. this year 1,408 sheep and 14,992 hogs were received from Canada compared with 1,783 sheep and 14,375 hogs a year ago.